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REMARKS

Claims 1-34 and 35-40 are pending. Claim 24 has been amended and claim 36-40 have been added, to more particularly point out Applicants' invention.

Claims 1-34 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Lo et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,933,967 ("Lo"). Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention is not taught, suggested, or implied by Lo.

Claim 1 recites "a network management server comprising a product specific coordinator including means for coordinating configuration activities among each instance of the first object type via the first local means and means for coordinating configuration activities among each instance of the second object type via the second local means and further comprising a network coordinator adapted for configuring each instance of a network object comprising a first component associated with the first object type and a second component associated with the second object type;" claim 13 recites "a network management server including a product specific coordinator comprising means for coordinating configuration activities among each instance of a first object type via first local configuration means and means for coordinating configuration activities among each instance of a second object type via second local means, and further comprising a network coordinator adapted for configuring each instance of a network object comprising a first component associated with the first object type and a second component associated with the second object;" Claim 24 has been amended to recite "identifying the components of a network object in response to a network configuration request from a network management server;" claim 30 recites "a network management server including: a network coordinator configured to coordinate each instance of a network object, the network object comprising a first component associated with a first object type and a second component associated with a second object type, the first and second object type associated with the first and second local configuration modules; a product specific coordinator configured to coordinate configuration activities among instances of the first object type and the

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second object type;" and claim 35 has been amended to recite "invoking local configuration modules coordinated from a network management configuration module associated with said local objects to configure said network object."

Applicant respectfully submits that Lo does not provide a network management server or network management configuration module and separate local means or separate instance configuration of the first and second object types.

In particular, as described in the Specification and in response to previous Official Actions, the network management server 102 includes a network coordinator and product coordinator, that communicate with local configuration modules to perform and coordinate reconfigurations. In contrast, Lo provides multiple message system 12, 13, 14 that each have a "subscriber move function 22" that is invoked by an administrative console 19. That is, the subscriber move function 22 at a moved-from message system is invoked; the subscriber move function 22 at the moved from system then communicates with the moved-to system.

While an administrator 29 can use the console 19 to cause a messaging system to move a subscriber to another messaging system, each message system 12-14 must perform the actual act, including a time-consuming "translation" during a "late-night" system audit. See, generally, col. 10, lines 30-40. The console 19 appears to merely be a terminal, and unrelated to a network management server as generally recited in the claims at issue. While the console 19 may be analogous to the client 110 of the present application, it is clearly not a network management server.

Furthermore, Applicants respectfully submit that Lo does not define network objects that are operated on by the product coordinator and network coordinator, as described in the claims at issue. In particular, embodiments of the present invention can define a network object, such as a person object, having one or more components such as phone mail or PBX components. Embodiments of the present invention allow for moving, adding, deleting, etc., such a person object by specifying the object; the *network management server* then identifies components and performs the act by invoking *local configuration modules*. In contrast, Lo does not allow a user to identify a network (person) object at a network server and then perform multiple local

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configurations of multiple local objects, as generally recited in the claims at issue. Thus, if anything, Lo is representative of problems solved by the present invention.

Because, inter alia, of the presence of the network management server, applicants respectfully disagree that Lo provides the same function as the present invention. Instead, the present invention performs a method wholly unrecognized by Lo. Indeed, Lo contains no hint that a network management server is even desirable. Furthermore, by not recognizing such a network management server, applicant respectfully submits that, by definition, Lo cannot enable the present invention. See, e.g., *In re Kumar*, No. 04-1047 (Fed. Cir., August 15, 2005) ("To render a later invention unpatentable for obviousness, the prior art must enable a person of ordinary skill in the field to make and use the later invention.").

Claims 36-40 are believed allowable for reasons similar to those set forth above.

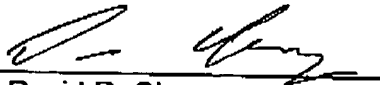
As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims.

For all of the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is earnestly solicited.

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